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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES LOCAL MANAGER

Edna, Texas, May 23, 2002—USDA Rural Development today announced that Ms. Gloria Delgado was selected as a nominee for the Site Manager of the Year for Housing for the Family award. Her nomination also qualified her to compete for the statewide award. She was selected as the winner for the servicing area of the Edna local office. Rural Housing Service, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area, administers programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

"It is a pleasure to recognize Ms. Delgado for receiving this award," said Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director. "She has served tenants in several complexes in the Edna area and has enhanced their quality of life."

Ms. Delgado is a native of El Campo, Texas, and is the daughter of Justino and Guadalupe Casarez, who are also native to the area. Her daughter, Danielle, is an honor graduate at El Campo High School.

Dorothy D. Aupperle, Community Development Specialist, presented the award at the Rancho Village Apartments. Ms. Delgado was nominated by the Edna Local Service Center to represent the local service center (LSC) in a statewide competition. The LSC covers the counties of Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Wharton, and Victoria.

USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life for rural Americans by ensuring that they have access to safe, well-built, affordable homes. Rural Rental Housing loans are made to finance building construction and site development of multi-family living quarters for people with low, very low and moderate incomes.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Edna Local Service Center at (361)-782-7151, Extension 4.

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